

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A handheld computer comprising:

a processor module comprising a processor and a display;

a sliding display cover moveably coupled to said processor module;

a sensing device coupled to said processor module and to said sliding display cover for providing geometric information indicating a relative position of said display processor module with respect to an edge of said sliding display cover, wherein said geometric information is provided for a plurality of positions; and,

a device driver for performing an action in response to a said signal, wherein said action is selected based upon the position of said edge relative to said display.

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Claim 2. (Original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said action is a visual configuration of said display.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended): The handheld computer of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said action is an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.

Claim 4. (Previously Amended): The handheld computer of Claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said action is an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.

Claim 5. (Original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said sensing device is a non-contact sensor device.

Claim 6. (Original): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said display is a touch panel display forming a part of said sensing device.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): The handheld computer of Claim 1, wherein said sliding display cover comprises an input device coupled to said processor module.

Claim 8 . (Original): A method of selecting an option in an electronic device comprising a processor module and a sliding cover, said method comprising:

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- a) displaying information on a display screen of said processor module;
 - b) positioning an edge of said sliding cover adjacent to a portion of said information on said display screen by sliding said sliding cover relative to said display screen;
 - c) activating a selection device of said electronic device; and
 - d) invoking an action of said electronic device related to said portion of said information.

Claim 9. (Original): A method as described in Claim 8 further comprising generating a position signal corresponding to a position of said sliding cover relative to said display screen.

Claim 10. (Previously Amended): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is an execution of an application program.

Claim 11. (Previously Amended): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said action is a display of related additional information to said portion of said information.

Claim 12. (Original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said selection device is a key.

Claim 13. (Original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover comprises a keyboard.

Claim 14. (Original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a microphone.

Claim 15. (Original): A method as described in Claim 8 wherein said sliding cover further comprises a speaker.

Claim 16. (Previously Amended): A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a handheld computer comprising a display, causes the handheld computer to configure a visual output of the display, comprising instructions for:

sensing a relative position of a sliding cover and a processor module, wherein said relative position is a partially closed position;

generating said visual output on said display, wherein said visual output comprises visual objects arranged to be viewable in response to said relative position.

Claim 17. (Original): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating an application by said processor module.

Claim 18. (Original): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for initiating communication with an external device.

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Claim 19. (Previously Amended): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising instructions for altering said visual output in response to a signal.

Claim 20. (Previously Amended): The computer readable medium of Claim 16, wherein said instructions are for a rearrangement of a previously displayed visual object.

Claims 21-24. (Canceled)
